

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action mailed on May 30, 2003. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-79 were pending in the Application and Claims 1-22 and 47-79 were withdrawn from consideration. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 23-46. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 23, 31, 39, and 43 have been amended and new Claim 80. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

Rejections under 35 U.S. C. §103

The Examiner rejects Claims 23-41 and 43-45 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,064,856 to Lee et al. ("*Lee*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,496,681 B1 to Linton ("*Linton*"). Claims 42 and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lee* in view of *Linton*, further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,190,178 B1 to Oh ("*Oh*").

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Claim 23, as amended, recites:

providing to a student a plurality of options associated with the class, the options comprising a grade summary option, the grade summary option providing selective access to information associated with a plurality of released learning activities, the information including:

release date, due date, and status of each learning activity;

and

any response given by the student and any associated remarks provided by a teacher of the student.

The cited references do not show this combination of limitations and therefore, for at least this reason, the claim is allowable, as are the claims depending therefrom, Claims 24-30. Reconsideration and favorable action are requested.

Independent Claims 31, 39 and 43 are also allowable for analogous reasons as are the claims pending therefrom. Reconsideration and favorable action are requested.

New Claim

New Claim 80 is presented. Claim 80 recites, in part:

"the logic further operable to:

verify a user identification and associated password provided by the at least one student;

display a plurality of options for the at least one student to choose, the options comprising:

a summary of assignments option, a communication option, a mail option, a calendar option, and a grade summary option;

wherein selection of the summary of assignments option results in a display of released learning activities and events associated with the at least one student;

wherein selection of the communication option results in presenting options to the at least one student allows the at least one student to communicate electronically with a parent, a teacher, and another student;

wherein selection of the mail option results in presenting a virtual mail to the student;

wherein selection of the calendar option results in presenting a calendar to the student that includes a listing of events associated with the student;

wherein selection of the grade summary option results in presenting a grade summary associated with the student;

wherein the grade summary includes, for each of a plurality of assignments, a title, an assignment type, a released date, a due date, an assignment status, and a grade;

wherein the grade summary further includes an option allowing the student to access any teacher remarks for completed assignments, the name of the assignment, a description of the assignment, a grade for the assignment, standards for the assignment, procedures for the assignment, and responses given by the at least one student for the assignment; and

wherein the grade summary further includes the student's overall grade in an associated course and the course average."

Applicants respectfully submit this Claim is allowable over the cited references at least because the above combination of limitations is not suggested by the cited references. Favorable action is requested.

CONCLUSION

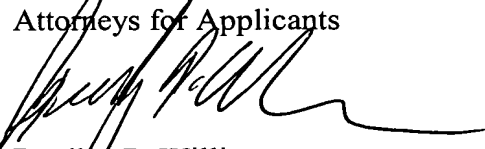
Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully requests full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, please feel free to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants.

Applicants submits herewith a check in the amount of \$385.00 to satisfy the request for continued examination fee of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e), and a check for \$475.00 to cover the three month Extension of Time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge an additional fee of \$43.00 for the addition of one independent claim and also to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts, L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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